

REMARKS

Submitted herewith is a petition for extending the time for response for three (3) months from June 25, 2005 to September 25, 2005. However, since September 25th fell on a Sunday, the new extended time for response is actually September 26, 2005.

As a result of this amendment, claims 1-27 are now in the application.

The objection to claim 8 as having two periods at the end of the claim has been duly noted and the claim has been corrected.

The rejection of claim 2 because of the word "substantially" has been noted and in response thereto Applicant has amended the claim by deleting that term. Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection of claim 2 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, is respectfully solicited.

Claim 19 has been rejected as fully anticipated by Microsoft Excel (2000) Screenshot.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of claim 19 in view of the changes made to that claim. As currently amended, claim 19 calls for a graphical user interface coupled to the computer system that comprises means for causing the display device to display icons representing the dimensions of items, people, actions and results, and means operative through selection of those icons for accessing data and managing the same according to user-defined actions and links between actions.

The Microsoft Excel Screen Shots admittedly shows in Fig. 1 a display listing items, people, actions and dates. However, the categories "items", "people", "actions", "dates" in Fig. 1 of the Microsoft Excel Screen Shots are not icons but are merely tabs through which other spreadsheets are accessed. The Microsoft Excel program does not provide a graphical user interface as called for by claim 19. Accordingly, allowance of claim 19 is respectfully solicited.

Applicant further requests reconsideration of the rejection of claims

1-18 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Microsoft Excel Screen Shots in view of Kelman et al. U.S. Patent No. 6850896.

In this connection, it is to be noted that independent claims 1, 7-11, 15 and 19 have all been amended for the purpose of distinguishing patentably from the Microsoft Excel and Kelman et al. references. As amended, claim 1 calls for a transactional database containing records of possible transactions entered on a line item basis according to the dimensions of Items, People, Actions, and Time. Additionally, the claim calls for simultaneously displaying on the display device via a graphical user interface icons that represent the categories of Items, People, Actions and Results, with selection of those icons making it possible to access possible transaction information in the database according to the category represented by the selected icon.

As noted hereinabove, the Microsoft Excel Screen Shots does not display discrete icons representing the categories of Items, People, Actions and Results, but instead displays tabs for accessing other spreadsheets. Furthermore there is no indication that the information contained in Fig. 1 is recorded in a transactional database on a line item basis according to the dimensions of Items, People, Actions and Time as called for by the claim.

The deficiencies of Microsoft Excel as a reference are not made up by the Kelman et al. reference. Nowhere in the Kelman et al. reference is there any disclosure or suggestion of generating icons representing the specific categories of information called for by claim 1. Nor is there any teaching or suggestion in the Kelman et al. reference of having a transactional database with data recorded on the basis of Items, People, Actions, and Time, with a graphical user interface as taught by Applicant and called for by claim 1.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 as amended distinguishes patentably from the prior art of record.

Claims 2-19 also are believed to be patentable, for the same reasons

advanced above in connection with claim 1 and also because they include other limitations that are not disclosed or suggested by the references applied against them.

Claims 20-23 have been withdrawn as drawn to a non-elected invention.

New claims 24-27 depend from claim 1 or 15 and are believed to be patentable for the same reasons as their parent claims. Additionally claims 26 and 27 further require the transactional database to include secondary databases that are accessible via the graphical user. Applicant believes that these new claims clearly defines new and patentable subject matter and are not suggested or rendered obvious by the Microsoft Excel and Kelman et al. references.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that this amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

Prompt and favorable reconsideration is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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